

PAUL ROBESON

In an interview by Ramesh Sanghvi and published in Blitz, Indian weekly which regularly follows the Moscow Communist line, he stated among other things:

"If they'd lynched the little children at Little Rock, Negro people would have done all they could--everything."

"...It has been very bad--all along the way. They killed 100 million of my people, bringing them from Africa as slaves to build the prosperity of the United States and the West Indies..."

(Blitz, Bombay, August 18, 1958)

Telegram from Paul Robeson, London, to AAPC, Accra, Ghana:
Warmest greetings to you all. Deeply disappointed to miss this historic conference. Previous and unbreakable commitments hold me here. Soon however hope to greet you on the soil of my beloved Africa. My wife Eslanda will bring you my sincerest and heartfelt wishes for all success in your deliberations and plans for the glorious future of the African peoples. All my best.

(The Worker, New York, January 18, 1959)

In an interview printed in a British newspaper, Robeson stated among other things:

"I feel myself an old and firm friend of the Soviet people."

In answer to the question "What's the greatest compliment you've ever been paid?", Robeson replied "When I received two prizes as a friend of humanity--a prize from the World Peace Council and the Lenin Prize from the Soviet Union..."

(Sunday Post, Dundee, Scotland, November 16, 1958)

In an interview carried in a Hungarian newspaper he said:

"I was a prisoner in my own country for ten years. They did not let me out of the country; they prevented me from meeting with the soldiers of the European peace movement. . . . Now I arrived here unexpectedly, only for a brief period, but I will come back again. Next week for a few hours, in the fall for a few days, and in the spring for a 4-5 week concert tour. I will come back despite the fact that my passport says 'Not valid for Hungary'. This passport is also not valid for the Chinese People's Republic. Now I am here, and I will be here often, and by March I will visit China. It is my intention to spend 6 months of the year in the socialist camp countries from now on."

(Esti Hirlap, Budapest, August 21, 1959)